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Dysfunctional stormwater drains wreak havoc across Bengaluru despite Rs 1,500-cr revival fund sanctioned by CM

FLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS

Layout in Horamavu waterlogged in 2020 as well

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An overwhelmed stormwater drain in HSR Layout (above) and a flooded parking lot (inset)

RAIN DAMAGE PAGES 4&5

What is the purpose of a stormwater drain? Well, stormwater drains are designed to carry excess rainwater to the nearest waterbody.

However, in times of climate crisis-driven erratic weather, and recurring thunderstorms battering the cityscape even during heights of summer, faulty stormwater drains are exacerbating crises — as revealed by the aftermath of the excess rainfall that submerged many areas in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has been spending crores of rupees on upgrades and development of stormwater drains in the city.

> **Drawing of the vent is ready. Construction work will begin as the railway gives a nod**
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> — Tushar Giri Nath, chief commissioner, BBMP

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai sanctioned Rs 1,500 crore in January 2022 for the development of stormwater drains. Despite the aforementioned measures, these channels, instead of mitigating rain-related woes, have become the primary cause of flooding in homes. They are frequently leading to damaged home appliances, and causing waterlogging in many areas besides inconveniencing motorists.

Many houses were flooded at Sai Baba Layout near Horamavu on Tuesday night. A similar incident took place in September 2020 as well when rainwater from the adjacent stormwater drain overflowed and entered the buildings. Minister Basavaraj and the then BBMP chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta had

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SMELLS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Theatre for the soul

Catch Bangalore Little Theatre's latest production 'The Middle Class Gentleman' a comedy, about a social-climbing middle-class merchant, Monsieur Jourdain. He aspires to join the aristocracy by ordering splendid new clothes, engaging in such aristocratic pastimes as fencing and dancing, and learning the language of the noble class. In the process, he manages to make a complete fool of himself, much to the dismay of his intelligent wife. **Where: Alliance Française de Bangalore, Vasanth Nagar; When: May 21 and 22, 3:30 pm, 7:30 pm**

02 Pupper party

Great news for all paw parents. URU Brewpark presents a fun-filled Mexican Fiesta for your puppers at URU Bistro Park in association with Label Auro. Pawsome attractions to look forward to are: play zone for pets, pet Illusionist, photo booth, pet costumes, pet trainer, pet beer, and a lot more.
Where: URU Bistro Park at URU Brewpark, JP Nagar; When: May 19, 11am onwards
Tickets: Rs 850, 080-40511500

03 Sunil Grover, live

Indian actor and stand-up comedian Sunil Grover will be performing live at Algorithm by Forum Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield. Famous for his character Gutthi in Comedy Nights with Kapil, Grover has essayed a plethora of supporting roles. His talent was recognized when he acted in India`s first silent comedy Gutur Gu (2010-2014). The actor then essayed the role of Dr Mashoor Gulati in The Kapil Sharma Show, for which he got widespread recognition.
Where: Algorithm by Forum Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield; When: May 21, 7:30 pm onwards
Tickets: Rs 499 onwards, bookmyshow & Paytm Inside.

SOCIAL FABRIC

Volunteers and members of a social programme for women are making cloth bags out of banners used to promote recently concluded TCS World 10K run

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The 2022 edition of the TCS World 10K run took place in Bengaluru's Sree Kanteerava Stadium on May 15 after a two-year-long break due to the pandemic. While 19,000 people participated in the event, many boards and banners were put up to promote the event. Now, with the banners going to waste, some of the volunteers have come forward to convert it into cloth bags. Banners totalling approximately 50,000 sq feet were put up all across the city.

To help reduce waste and save the environment, the volunteers of Swabhiman – a women empowerment programme – has tied up with TCS and have been collecting the cloths used for the banners and will convert them to cloth bags. The cardboards used will be used by TCS for their next event to help be environmentally friendly.

At Swabhiman, started by Bengalurean changemaker Venkat Raman, cloth bags are stitched by women who are mostly from the slums.

"While the initiative has been carried out from years, initially, when flexes were allowed, they were used and re-made into sheets, which were used for the roofs of the many houses. Once the government banned flexes, cloth was used instead. And now, with the cloths, we decided to make cloth bags," explained Raman, founder of Swabhiman.

He pointed out that initially when they decided to convert flexes into sheets, he thought it would be easy, but after seeing a large number of flexes he was unsure if this was the right decision. However, many of the other volunteers under him were determined about the idea and converted them with the help of the women.

Striving for change: Cloth used for the banners are converted into handy cloth bags by women and volunteers of Swabhiman

With the ban on plastic, many felt this was an important move. The women who stitch the bags would be paid, while the cloth bags would be sold. Bags sized 15 inch by 18 inch are being made.

"This is a very good initiative that is appreciable. The flower vendors near temples continue to give flowers in the plastic bags. Efforts to educate the buyers to bring their own bags have not yielded results and the vendors do not have another alternative," said M Raghunath, a resident of RBI Layout.

The stitched bags will be sold and the women will be paid for their efforts

According to him, if the size of these bags could be reduced to say, 6" x 6", flower vendors could recover this cost while selling flowers -- a win-win situation, he felt. Raghunath also said that he could procure the bags himself in bulk and give it out to the vendors once they were completely made.

The races were divided into five categories: 'Open 10k', 'World 10k Women', 'World 10k Men', 'Champions with Disability (CWD) Run', 'Senior Citizens' Run', and 'Majja Run', and Bengalureans participated in the event with gusto.

₹24 to go to the loo in PU colleges

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A detailed breakup of the fee structure for PU colleges has revealed that a toilet fee is levied for every student.

The PU Department has released the fee breakup that needs to be collected from each student. The fee has been divided into various categories and accordingly, each student is charged Rs 24 per year as a toilet fee. Among the rest of the fee categories, Rs 24 for electricity, Rs 120 for library, Rs 35 for admission, Rs 84 for sports fee and Rs 670 for teaching.

A tenth standard student said, "We don't mind paying the toilet fee as long as colleges ensure that the toilets are clean. In many colleges, toilets are maintained poorly and as a result, students do not like to use them. This is very difficult especially for female students."

'Don't admit IGCSE students without their results'

With the SSLC exam results slated to be declared on Thursday, PU colleges will start distributing applications for the first-year PU course from Friday and the classes will begin from June 9.

However, the PU Department has issued strict warning to colleges stating that no student from IGCSE/ Cambridge International syllabus would be admitted without their results being declared.

"Till now, many colleges would admit students who have completed their Class 10 from IGCSE Board even though the results are not declared. However, now, colleges should ensure that each IGCSE student has a valid marks card. If any college flouts this, action will be taken against the college principal. The students from IGCSE/NWAS are also barred from joining II PU after finishing 11th standard in their respective boards," said an official.

Meanwhile, the PU department has said that colleges should not tie up with private institutions for CET or JEE coaching or charge extra fees for the same.

75% attendance compulsory

With colleges returning to offline classes, 75 per cent attendance is mandatory for every student and only such students will be eligible to take the first-year PU exam.

Colleges have also been told to conduct parent-teacher meetings on September 16, December 15, and January 27. However, those students who have passed in supplementary exams will have their attendance counted from their joining date.

The young and restless of Karnataka

Draft youth policy suggests need to have more clinics at institutions to help youngsters face challenges

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A State Government report confirms our worst fears -- covid has indeed played havoc with mental health of the young. According to the Draft Karnataka Youth Policy released by Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs KC Narayana Gowda on Wednesday youngsters anyway face a lot of challenges in that phase related to food habits, physical activity, substance abuse and sexual health.

A committee headed by experts toured across the state to meet youngsters and frame the draft document. The draft states that youths are experiencing rapid physical, behavioural and psychological growth during this phase. "For youngsters, the onset of puberty brings additional challenges and threats. The latest youth policy has now recommended that the government start programmes similar to Manochaitanya (Super Tuesday Clinics) at secondary and tertiary educational and training institutions at the taluk level. These pop-up clinics can be scheduled to visit each institution at least once in two months," the draft suggests.

Young are said to be in a flux, even more so after the covid pandemic

This document, read with the last two iterations of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) that shows that many youths in the State suffer from under-nutrition, had relatively low BMI levels and a high prevalence of anaemia, raises the cause of concern. NFHS data also shows that in 2019 and 2020, youth made up 30% of all deaths due to suicide in the state. "To improve the state of sexual and reproductive health among youth, the government should appoint trainers for imparting sexual and reproductive health education in schools and also establishment Yuva Snehi information cells across all district hospitals and menstrual hygiene centers across all taluk hospitals," stated the document.

For this, the policy document has asked the State to establish an audit and review cell for all new and existing roads besides conducting awareness campaigns on traffic safety. The draft also focuses on reducing and preventing youth mortality occurring due to road traffic accidents.

> **The govt should appoint trainers to impart sexual and reproductive health education in schools**

The demographics

The draft has also analysed the demographic structures which states that after 2028 in Karnataka, the dependent population will become more than the working-age population. "With the right investments in youth, this opportunity can be seized to bring about large-scale social, economic, and environmental change.

According to the 2011 Census, Karnataka had a total population of 61,095,297 individuals. Youngsters are said to make up around 29% of the total population. Bengaluru has the highest share of youngsters in the state with 21.73%. According to a report by the National Skill Development Corporation, the levels of education attainment for young people were relatively low.

Ladies-only fight club?

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All hell broke loose in front of a reputed girls' school in central Bengaluru after a gang of eight to 10 girls attacked another group of girls from another girls' school in the neighbourhood. After a video of the fight involving girls in their uniforms grabbing each other by their hair, dragging each other down stairways, kicking and punching, went viral -- turns out the whole brouhaha was over a boy.

According to the parent of a student who wished to remain anonymous, the quarrel started as one of the girls went on a date with a boy who has a girlfriend. WhatsApp messages circulated on the school group claimed this is what happened: "One girl had gone on a date with some other girl's boyfriend. That girl found out, she set up a fake date with this girl saying it was her boyfriend, and when the girl arrived, this girl showed up with 8-9 girls and thrashed her." One of the students posted all the videos on YouTube, naming and shaming the students and their schools.

Though police arrived at the spot soon after, they could not do much as there was no complaint from any of the parties, including the school authorities, who distanced themselves from the incident stating that it had happened outside the school premises on the road. The police also inquired with a few student witnesses, but they claimed they were from another school. It took employees of a nearby studio to rush to try and break the fight.

> **Video of groups of girls beating each other up goes viral. A date is said to have caused the ugly flare-up**

According to a student's mother, when the girl came to know her boyfriend had gone on a date with another girl, she came armed with chilly powder, vinegar, and baseball bats, with around eight to 10 of her friends to attack the girl. As this girl was being beaten up, her friends too reached the spot and they jumped into the fight. Two girls sustained injuries. Meanwhile, there was a quarrel between boys' too at a separate place near their school, but the boys denied being part of any fight. Police have taken the matter with the school authorities who would initiate disciplinary action against the students involved.

Another parent of a girl student said the kids have their own fan following on social media and want to be on top, including fighting for their boyfriends. The school authorities remained tight-lipped. "An inquiry will be conducted and disciplinary action will be initiated," school sources pointed out.

'Christian community of state feels let down'

The Christian community has reacted strongly to the move of the Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot to give assent to the Anti-conversion bill.

"The Christian community feels that it is let down by the Governor of Karnataka," Archbishop of Bengaluru and President of Karnataka Region Catholic Bishop's Council Rev. Dr. Peter Machado said on Wednesday. "The Karnataka Governor has given assent to the Contemptuous Bill called "Protection of Right to Religious Freedom" which is now a law. The entire Christian Community across Karnataka is deeply hurt that the Government has let down the Christian population living in the State," he said. He said the community feels betrayed when its sentiments are not taken note of and its selfless services in the fields of education, healthcare and other social areas for the welfare of all the communities are not taken into consideration.

He said for the past couple of months, they were repeatedly drawing to the attention of the State Government and general public that this Bill was irrelevant and malicious, and it only aimed at dividing the Christians from other religious minorities. "When we came to know this Bill was sent to the Governor, our delegation met him and made an earnest appeal not to give his assent but, unfortunately, our request was not honoured," he said.

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RAINY RUINATION

GUSH HOUR AT SLUM

On Mysuru Road, Narasimha Colony Slum dwellers lost their food, clothes, electronics, mattresses; their homes are now flooded with sewage

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With life coming to a standstill for many Bengalureans due to the rains and stories of distress continuing to pour in, citizens are now fighting tooth and nail to simply survive in such trying conditions.

In the narrow streets of Narasimha Colony Slum near Mysuru Road, residents of around 300 shacks are one such group of people trying to save what remains of their homes.

As sewage from the nearby stormwater drain gushed into their houses, it destroyed their weekly ration, few clothes and a handful of precious electronics.

"We have no food to eat, no clean water to drink and our beds and mattresses are soaked in sewage. While we are trying to clean our homes, there is an unbearable stench that is causing many residents – young and old -- to retch. We are worried about our health," said Manjula R, a resident of Narasimha Colony Slum.

The residents say there is no sanitary system in place and thus all the toilets are dug straight into the drain from their homes. The cluster is also in a low-lying area and is occupied by marginalised communities that are employed in informal sectors.

"There was waterlogging for more than four hours last night. The water entered our houses and has impacted our food grains. Although the water receded by late night, it has left behind a lot of garbage and filth. Our houses stink and our weekly ration is mixed with the sewage. From wheat flour to pulses, ragi flour, rice, etc are all soaked in stinking drain water. Many children had recently taken admissions to schools and had received books and study material. All of it is destroyed," lamented Manjula.

Not just another day: Scenes of devastation caused by the rain in Narasimha Colony Slum

> **Our homes stink and our weekly ration is mixed with sewage**
>
> –Manjula R, a resident

Devoid of food and clean water, they say the only option is to arrange for food through micro-financing.

According to Malarvizhi M, program officer, ActionAid Association, an organisation working for the slum dwellers, this is the third time in the last year that the slum has been affected this badly. While immediate relief has been provided on a previous occasion, a permanent solution is required.

"The dirty drainwater entering homes has kept the families awake all night. Some were also fearful that snakes from the neighbourhood might enter their houses, so they stayed outside in a safer place. The stored ration items, clothes, educational materials for children and other necessary items have been ruined," added Malarvizhi.

While the area revenue officer visited the slum today and took stock of the situation, a permanent solution is needed, he said.

"It is an old slum, in existence for more than 40 years. We have been requesting the BBMP to desilt stormwater drains in the area. The drains are choked, and even moderate rainfall causes water to overflow." Moreover, the compound wall in some places has to be raised too, he explained.

THERE WILL BE FLOOD

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visited the layout and inspected the nearby stormwater drain, allocating funds for its development soon after. The BBMP spent Rs 30 crore for the development of a 2-km-long stretch of the channel up to the railway track vent at Geddalahalli; but nothing has been done to widen the vent on par with the drain. As no efforts were made to widen the vent at the railway track, excess rainfall flooded Sai Baba Layout once again.

"The story will be the same. There will be no difference. As usual, the minister and BBMP officials shall visit our layout and give assurances to fix this problem as they did two years ago. They will forget about it as soon as they leave the area. Many of our homes flooded and we lost valuables," said Neelufur Ahmed, a resident of the layout.

When informed, BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said BBMP authorities have been in touch with the railway authorities in this regard. "The drawing of the vent is ready. Construction work will begin as soon as the railway gives its nod. I have directed BBMP engineers to fix this problem without delay," said Giri Nath.

Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj told media persons BBMP officials were supervising relief works at Sai Baba Layout and have supplied drinking water and food to rain-affected citizens residing at the layout. "I will work for a permanent solution at Sai Baba Layout. I am aware the layout was flooded two years ago," said Basavaraj.

Meanwhile, some buildings in upmarket areas such as Koramangala and Dollars Colony were flooded with either rainwater or sewage causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents. A few houses, including Lahari Velu's, were flooded with rainwater at Dollars Colony. Residents complained to the BBMP chief commissioner when he visited the area.

"BBMP authorities are busy making money. They did nothing to mitigate our problems. Our homes are getting flooded whenever it rains heavily. I want the BBMP to fix this problem permanently. I have incurred a huge loss of around Rs 50 lakh as my car and lift were damaged," said Velu.

A few two-wheelers parked adjacent to a compound wall were damaged when a wall collapsed near Shivajinagar police station on Broadway Road in the heavy rain. Purportedly, the compound wall was constructed just eight months ago.

Many homes flooded in Dattatreya Layout, RR Nagar, Kengeri, Koramangala, Electronics City whilst most of the underpasses and subways were inundated with rainwater causing immense trouble for motorists. A cross road near Cambridge Road became slushy when the nearby stormwater drain overflowed onto the road. Two-wheeler riders and pedestrians found it difficult to traverse the road.

Similarly, pedestrians could not use some of the subways at Hebbal and Raj Bhavan Road as these were flooded as well. On Wednesday afternoon, a few BBMP employees were seen using water pumps to drain excess water from the pedestrian subway on Raj Bhavan Road. A huge tree came crashing at a traffic signal near Malleswaram Bus Station.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai visited rain-affected areas and directed the BBMP to take measures to avoid future in the city. The CM announced Rs 25,000 compensation for the buildings damaged due to heavy showers.

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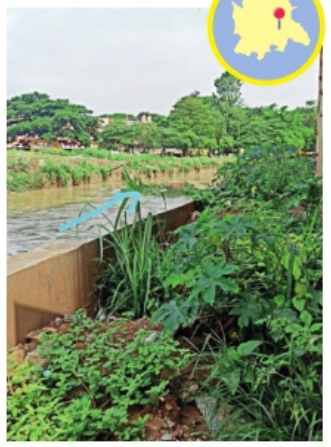

Floating debris due to the rain as seen in Deepa Nursing Home area, Marathahalli. These floating objects could create problems downstream too.

Flooded
Shivajinagar

This is the condition of Seppings Road, Shivajinagar following heavy rainfall; no support from BBMP yet.

Garbage everywhere
Maragondanahalli

Garbage strewn all over the road before Baldwin School in Maragondanahalli area, TC Palya, till Kithaganur.

RAINY RUINATION

Vehicles try to make their way through the rain water that was yet to recede from the city's roads after Tuesday's rain

2 meet watery grave

Two labourers, Dev Vrat from Bihar and Ankit Kumar from Uttar Pradesh, drowned after the water level inside a pipeline they were laying at Ullal increased suddenly due to heavy rain on Tuesday evening. Another labourer Trilok was lucky as he came out of the pipeline in time as the water level quickly rose. Police have arrested the contractor for his alleged negligence while an inquiry is on to find out what role the site engineer had. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who is also in charge of Bengaluru City development, announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of the two migrant workers.

Basements flooded

Many vehicles were damaged as the water gushed to the basement at many places in the city. Scores of vehicles were submerged in the basements of some apartment complexes in Horamavu, HSR Layout, Rajajinagar, Basaveshwaranagar and Neelasandra. Many apartment dwellers sent SOS messages to BBMP to pump out the water as the motor pumps in the basements were also submerged and not working. Residents blamed that the lack of proper drainage facility for the flooding.

Fliers grounded

While a few flights were diverted/affected due on Tuesday, many flyers were in shock on Wednesday as there was a huge traffic jam near Hunasamaranahalli on Wednesday morning. The traffic pile up extended up to 3 km and as a result trapping those heading to the Kempegowda International Airport. The jam was due to water logging on the highway. In some instances, cars were stuck as the water entered the silencer and engine. This further aggravated the jam.

Leave early to airport

Kempegowda International Airport issued an advisory on Wednesday: "Due to heavy rain in Bengaluru, passengers might face waterlogging and slow-moving traffic in a few areas towards the Airport. Please plan your travel accordingly. For any assistance or queries, call us on 080-22012001."

Muniratna cornered

RR Nagar constituency was one of the worst affected. On Wednesday, RR Nagar MLA Muniratna went on rounds and had to face angry residents. When Muniratna tried to assure them that he woud solve the issue, many questioned him for giving fake promises every rainy season. An angry Muniratna asked a few residents to give their building sanction plan as he alleged that many of them had built houses with proper approval. But he had to bow in the face of the stiff resistance from residents.

Vittal Mallya Road turns into a pool

Vittal Mallya road, an upmarket road, that boasts of the best drainage infrastructure, too turned into a pool on Tuesday. Many took videos of this and wondered if this exposed the crumbling infrastructure.

Bikes damaged

In the last few days, many bikes have been damaged in the city. On Tuesday night, a compound wall (built six months ago) fell due to heavy rain at Shivajinagar. It fell on bikes, damaging them. Also riders who were out in the rain had to take their bikes to the mechanics on Wednesday as water had entered their vehicles.

Hospital affected

A private hospital off Hesaraghatta road had to bear the brunt of the heavy rain as water entered the corridors and into a few wards. The staff had a tough time removing the water. Meanwhile, Rukmini Nagar near the eighth mile junction saw water gushing into many houses. A newly asphalted road also gave way.

Weather systems

The city will continue to receive rainfall for the next few days due to a cyclonic circulation lies over north interior Tamil Nadu and neighbourhood extending up to middle tropospheric levels and a north-south trough runs from central Madhya Pradesh to interior TN in lower tropospheric levels. Besides this, Met experts said that earlier the wind was blowing from South East to North West. However, since Tuesday, it has changed direction from North East to South West. For the next few days, the city will see widespread moderate to heavy rains/thundershowers and its temperature will hover around 28 and 20 degree Celsius.

Most rain in Horamavu

Among the city's localities, Horamavu received the highest of 155 mm of rainfall on Tuesday night, followed by Yelahanka 129 mm, Vidyapeetha 127 mm, Rajmahal 122 mm, Nagapura 120 mm, Sampangi Nagar 119 mm, Dasarahalli 110 mm, Vidyaranyapura 109 mm, Doddanekkundi 108 mm, Banaswadi 106 mm and Jakkur 102 m.

1,000+ homes inundated

More than 1,000 homes in the city were inundated on Tuesday. BBMP officials said that city recorded 75 mm of rainfall in just two hours. This is the highest rainfall recorded in a single day since 1971.

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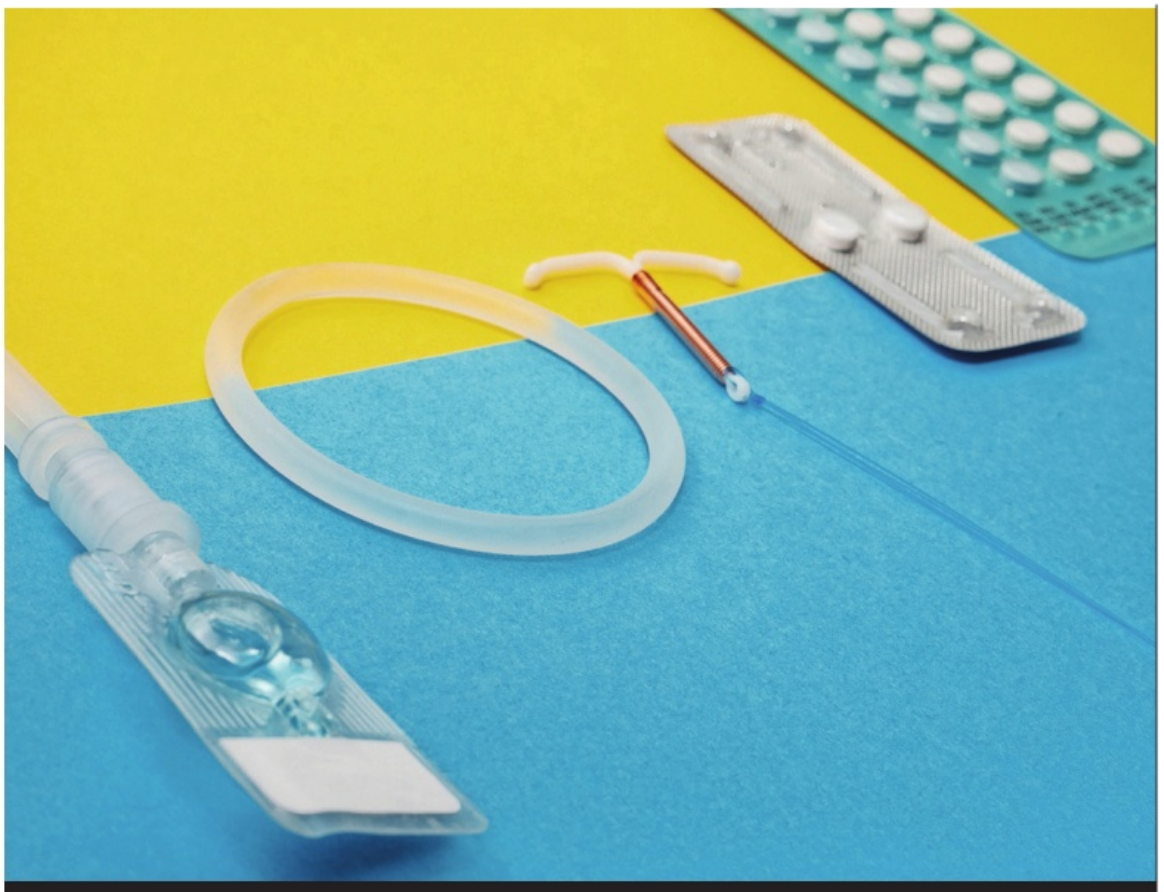

Off birth control

What to expect if you choose to come off it

Deciding to stop using your regular birth control is a big decision.

There are a number of reasons why you might be considering this – whether that's to have a baby, or because of negative side effects you might be experiencing (such as mood swings).

But while there is plenty of discussion about what to expect when starting birth control, there is less information out there about what to expect when you decide to quit.

One of the biggest things to consider if you do stop using your regular birth control is the possibility of becoming pregnant. If you're trying to avoid this, using a back-up contraceptive method is important.

But some women may also experience changes to their periods, skin or mood when they come off the pill and their natural cycle returns. This is because most contraceptive methods contain hormones – typically oestrogen and progesterone – which suppress the body's normal hormonal changes.

This not only prevents pregnancy, but may also have other effects – such as reducing period pain or affecting mood.

The pill

The most common method of birth control used by women is the pill.

This includes both the combined pill (which contains both oestrogen and progestogen) and the progestogen-only pill (often called the "mini pill").

If you decide you want to stop using the pill, it's typically best to wait until the end of a packet.

This will lower the risk of becoming pregnant from intercourse that took place just before stopping the pill.

When using a combined pill, it's safe to have sex during the pill free break, but only if you start the next packet on the correct day and take pills for at least the next seven days. That is why stopping in the middle of a packet is risky in terms of pregnancy.

The biggest change you'll experience when stopping is the return of your normal menstrual cycle.

Since the combined pill typically makes periods lighter, less painful and more predictable, you may find your periods are heavier and more painful in comparison when you stop the pill.

Your periods will also return to their regular pattern (which for some may have been irregular).

People who experienced mid-cycle pain (during ovulation) or pre-menstrual syndrome before starting the pill may also see these return.

If you were using the combined pill to improve acne or manage certain conditions (such as polycystic ovary disease) you will likely find these benefits are lost once you stop.

But if you were someone who took the mini pill, you may find your experience is slightly different when you stop.

The progestogen-only pill does not provide the regularity of periods that the combined pill usually does – with many women often having irregular bleeding (usually light but unpredictable) while taking it.

So when you stop the mini pill, your period will likely return to its natural pattern, which may be more regular and predictable.

Since progestogen has various side effects for some women – such as causing acne, mood changes or low libido – stopping both the combined and mini pill may improve all of these.

It's also important to note that your periods and your fertility return very quickly after stopping the pill and you could become pregnant within weeks or even days of stopping. So use a back-up method immediately after stopping the pill if this is something you want to avoid.

Longer-acting contraceptives

Longer-acting hormonal contraceptive methods – such as the implant, hormonal intrauterine system (IUS) and the injection – have similar effects on the menstrual cycle as the pill.

This may include making periods lighter but more unpredictable, or even the absence of periods.

If you have your implant or IUS removed, your menstrual cycle will return to its previous pattern within weeks. Your fertility will also return to normal within days or weeks.

But with the injection, you might not have a period for several months after stopping – and the return of fertility can also be delayed by a few months.

This is most likely because of the high dose of hormone in the injection, and how well it suppresses the natural cycle.

However, most women typically get their period again within a year of stopping the injection, and these periods are as regular and heavy (or light) as before.

If you use the copper intrauterine device (IUD), this does not contain any hormones. Though it's long-acting and extremely effective against pregnancy, some women experience heavier and longer periods when using this method.

Fertility returns immediately after having the IUD removed, so it's important for women who don't want to become pregnant to use back-up contraception.

It's also advised women with an IUD don't have unprotected sex for a week before removal because fertility returns so quickly.

You might be concerned about contraception having a long term effect on your periods or your fertility, but happily all the evidence points to this not being the case.

Some women may find they experience a slight delay in the return of their periods after stopping any form of hormonal birth control (though it's most common with the injection).

This is because it can take a few weeks for the body's natural hormonal cycle to re-establish itself. This is not a cause for concern unless it goes on for many months.

The decision to stop using birth control is an extremely personal one, and will be influenced by whether you want to have a baby, your relationship and many other factors.

Apart from sterilisation, all modern contraceptive methods are designed to be fully reversible. While you might notice some effects after stopping, these are typically due to the return of the natural rhythms of the menstrual cycle.

(By Susan Walker, Anglia Ruskin University Cambridge, The Conversation, PTI)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a guy in my 20s, and recently a female friend, who I hang out with all the time, told me she's had feelings for me for ages and wanted to know if I feel the same, whether I had thought about and what it would be like to sleep with her.
I didn't handle the situation well - I made a joke that all guys think about sleeping with women they like and then made my excuses and got on my bike.
The thing is, I've never thought about sleeping with her - I don't think of her in that way at all. I think of her as a good friend and that's it. She's not my type at all and I've never fancied her. But how can I tell her that? Please help!

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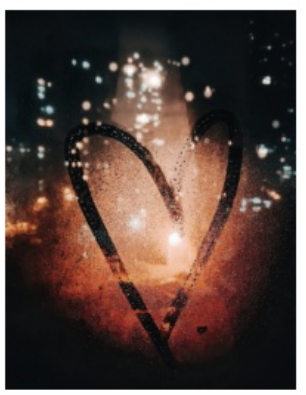
You can't. But you can't run away from her either. I think it's important to be upfront and tell her you love her as a mate, but would never want to take it further because it might ruin your friendship.
It must have taken some courage to admit how she felt to you, so keep that in mind. But now she's said it, I don't know how your friendship will go.
It might be too hard for her to keep being your friend and seeing you with other women or hear you talking about dates.
And you might find it awkward, too. I think all you can do is talk it out and see where you get to. If it feels weird face to face, then do it over the phone.
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror



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SC frees Rajiv Gandhi killing case convict

After 32 years in jail, Perarivalan, who was sentenced to life, is free; Apex Court invokes extraordinary powers to order release

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday invoked its extraordinary powers to do complete justice under Article 142 of the Constitution, as it ordered the release of AG Perarivalan, sentenced to life in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

A bench of Justices L. Nageswara Rao, BR Gavai, and AS Bopanna said: "In the exceptional facts and circumstances of this case, in exercise of our power under Article 142 of the Constitution, we direct that the appellant is deemed to have served the sentence in connection with crime... The Appellant, who is on bail, is set at liberty forthwith."

Perarivalan is currently on bail. His death sentence was commuted to life sentence and terrorism charges were withdrawn.

The top court noted that Perarivalan was 19 years of age at the time of his arrest and has been incarcerated for 32 years, out of which he has spent 16 years on the death row and 29 years in solitary confinement and there has been no complaint relating to his conduct in jail.

"On the two occasions that the appellant had been released on parole, there had been no complaint regarding his conduct or breach of any condition of release," it noted.

AG Perarivalan with his mother Arputham Ammal after the Supreme Court released him on Wednesday

During the hearing, the apex court had questioned the Tamil Nadu Governor, for not deciding on the state government's recommendation to release all convicts in the case, which was made to the Governor way back in September 2018. It took strong objection to the Governor sitting on Cabinet's recommendation to release Perarivalan for over three years, and then forwarding it to the President.

TN CM hails decision

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday welcomed the release of AG Perarivalan, a convict serving life imprisonment in the case concerning assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Perarivalan, his mother Arputhammal and other members of their family met Stalin in Chennai on Wednesday. Stalin said the convict has "lost over 30 years" in jail and now can take fresh breath of freedom.

"The release of AG Perarivalan is a welcoming one. Perarivalan has lost over 30 years in jail and now he is to take fresh breath of freedom and I wish him well," Stalin told reporters here. The Chief Minister said that the "judgement has not just upheld human rights but the state rights as well".

"I have just come out. It has been 31 years of legal battle. I have to breathe a bit. Give me some time," he said when reporters asked how did he feel as a "free bird" and what his future plans were. "Many unknown people have supported us. I don't know many people. I thank all of them," an emotional Arputhammal said while recalling the "31 year battle". – IANS

'In custody for 6.5 years': Bail to Indrani Mukerjea

#Hyederabad

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted bail to Indrani Mukerjea, who is the chief accused in the murder case of her daughter Sheena Bora.

A bench of Justices L. Nageswara Rao, B.R. Gavai, and A.S. Bopanna said: "Admittedly, the petitioner has been in custody for 6 years. We do not intend to comment on the merits of the case which might be detrimental to the interest of either the prosecution or the defence."

It added that taking into account the fact that the petitioner has been in custody for 6A years and even if 50 per cent of the remaining witnesses are given up by the prosecution, the trial will not complete soon. "We are of the considered view that the petitioner is entitled to be released on bail," the bench said. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, representing Mukerjea, submitted that she has been in custody for the last 6 years, adding that she would be entitled for the benefit of special dispensation under Section 437 Cr.P.C and there are 237 witnesses cited by the prosecution, out of whom 68 have been examined.

Rohatgi said the presiding officer

A file photo of Indrani Mukherjea from when she had come out of Byculla jail for her parents' last rites

was on leave from June 7, 2021 till May 4, 2022, and the trial will not complete soon in view of the large number of witnesses yet to be examined.

Also, the co-accused and her husband, Peter Mukerjea was released on bail on February 6, 2020.

Additional Solicitor General Suryaprakash V. Raju, representing the CBI, opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner, submitting that there is clinching evidence showing the involvement of the petitioner which is clear from the evidence of Shyamwar Pinturam Roy. – IANS

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The panel of ministers tasked to review the GST levy on casinos, race courses and online gaming has finalised its report, which will be taken up in the upcoming GST Council meeting. The Group of Ministers, chaired by Meghalaya chief minister Conrad Sangma, had in its previous meeting earlier this month unanimously decided on hiking the tax rate on these services to 28 per cent. The GoM met again on Wednesday and finalised the method of valuing these services for the purpose of levying this tax.

"The Group of Ministers (GoM) on casinos, race courses & online gaming has come to a consensus. The report of our submissions will be handed over to Hon'ble FM, Smti. @nsitharaman Ji in a day or two & the matter will be presented in the next @GST_Council Meeting," Sangma tweeted. At present, services of casinos, horse racing and online gaming attract 18 per cent GST.

The government had in May last year set up a panel of state ministers for better valuation of services of casinos, online gaming portal and race courses for levying Goods and Services Tax (GST). – PTI

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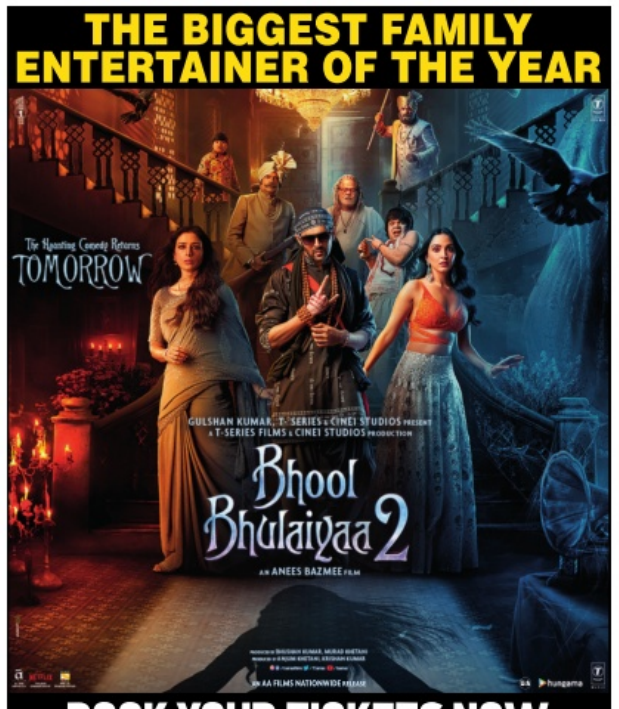
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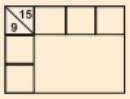
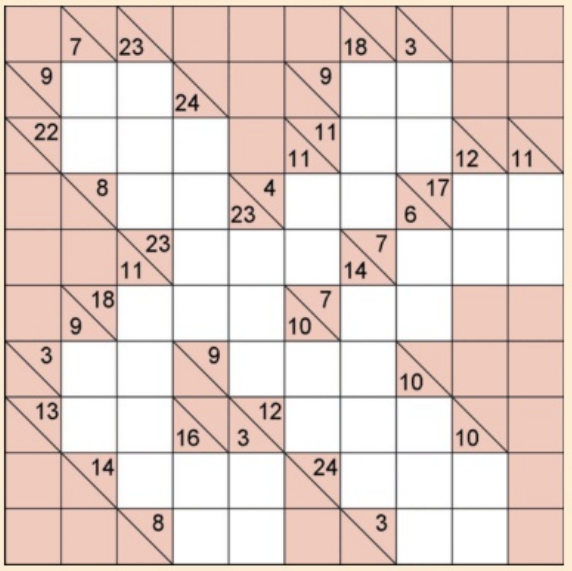
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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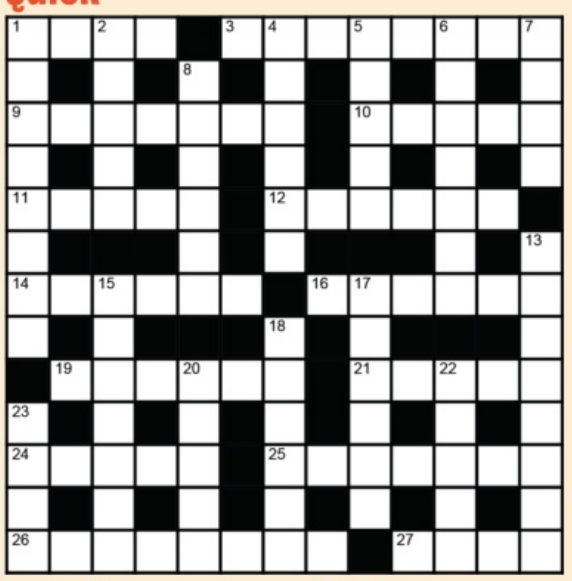


ACROSS

1 Change of Govt. : coup d'____ (4)
3 Readily perceived or obvious (8)
9 Restaurant at the Leela Place (7)
10 Indications (5)
11 Surrender (5)
12 A stringed instrument (6)
14 Wanderers (6)
16 To descend by rope (6)
19 Stylish; sprightly (6)
21 Non reactive (5)
24 Alliance (5)
25 Valid, as in, "the laws now _ __ "? (2,5)
26 When the water's up? (4,4)
27 Makes a wager (4)

DOWN

1 Having a good time? (8)
2 French military–"a mere" change? (5)
4 Reach a point (6)
5 Basil-based sauce (5)
6 Deceive or mislead (7)
7 Simple (4)
8 Avoided or dodged (6)
13 Sparkles (8)
15 Sense intended? (7)
17 Brings up to date (6)
18 Outlaw turning carpet into egg layer? (6)
20 Piece for nine players (5)
22 Very strange (5)
23 Former U.S. President (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS T

HAR XOJW APQ OHQ GIJ
UGNOE LTH WGRQ JGH GMHRJ
URH GHARYQ OJ GJ OH.

Linemaro

The last time I saw you, I was dreaming

Mindchow

Nobody can make you feel inferior without your permission

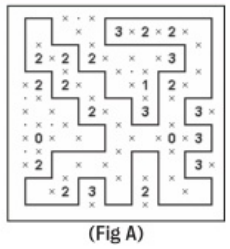
Joke of the day

Don't marry for money, you can borrow it cheaper

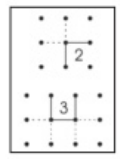
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



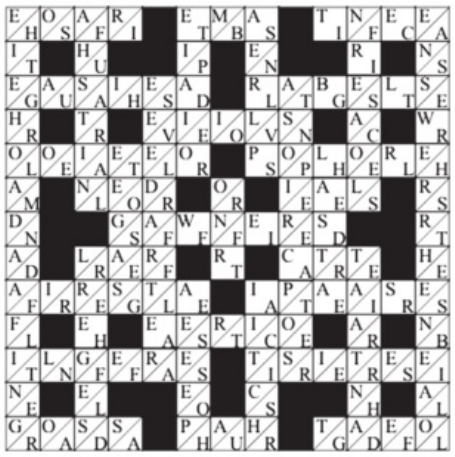
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8	B			
9				

ACROSS

1 Drake; 6 So ere;
7 ST bat; 8 OK OBE (1-4);
9 W gaps

DOWN

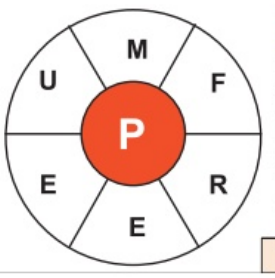
1 Reg be; 2 Arab a;
3 Two OK; 4 Stope;
5 Skeds

Mensapuzzle

What are X and Y?

7 8 6 9 5 10 X Y 3 12

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	2	3		8			7	
6				3	7	9		
1	9							
		5				3		
							8	2
		2	7	4				9
	1			9		4	6	
					8	5	2	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

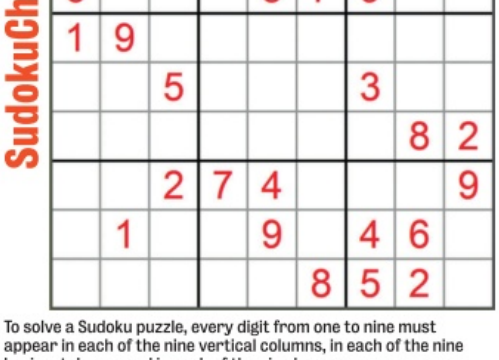
Easy = 14
3 3 6 8

Medium = 12
2 5 6 7

Hard = 33
5 6 9 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



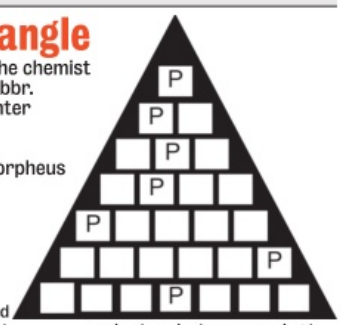
Differences: 1. Phone is moved. **2.** Doorway is not as wide. **3.** Hand is moved. **4.** Picture frame is different. **5.** Table leg is moved. **6.** Belt is higher.

Riddler

Which is the odd one out: Arsenal, Charlton Athletic, Crystal Palace, Fulham, Port Vale, Chelsea

Alpha triangle

1 Phosphorus for the chemist
2 Public address, abbr.
3 Improvement center
4 Tarzan pals
5 Loses coluor
6 In the arms of Morpheus
7 Slips by



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

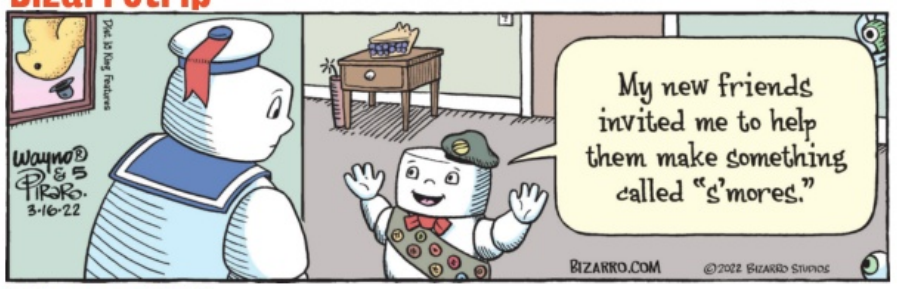
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

YOU MEAN THIS GUY JUST WALKS UP... PUTS A GUN TO YOUR HEAD...AND TAKES ALL YOUR MONEY?!
RIGHT
THAT'S A DIRTY SHAME!
...TO THINK OF ALL THOSE YEARS I WASTED GOING TO MEDICAL SCHOOL!

Bizarrotrip


Wayno & Piraro 3-16-22
My new friends invited me to help them make something called "s'mores."
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

"WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO FOR FUN?"
WATCH TV AND EAT CHIPPY CHIPS.
YOU GET A POINT FOR MENTIONING THE BRAND, BUT LOSE A POINT FOR USING TV AS A HOBBY.
HEY, I'M BREAKING EVEN! NOT BAD!
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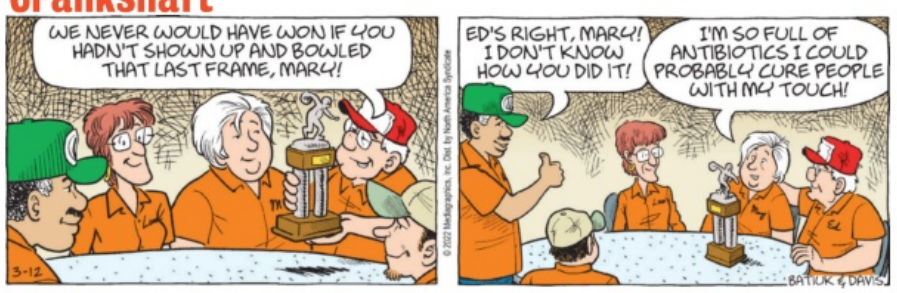
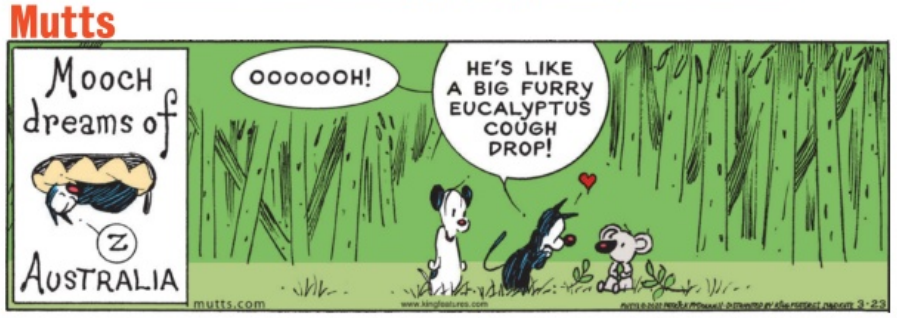
Crankshaft


WE NEVER WOULD HAVE WON IF YOU HADN'T SHOWN UP AND BOWLED THAT LAST FRAME, MARY!
ED'S RIGHT, MARY! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT!
I'M SO FULL OF ANTIBIOTICS I COULD PROBABLY CURE PEOPLE WITH MY TOUCH!
3-12
BATTLE & DAVIS

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be spiritual; you may help needy people around you. You may also plan to donate some amount to charity or a religious place. Your karma may help you attain success in difficult projects. You may feel some divine power around you which may help you in unpredictable situations. You may be attracted towards occult. Students are likely to enjoy studying in depth.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel dull; you may be a victim of hidden fear which may make you scared. You are not in a situation to trust anyone. It is advised to meditate chant prayers which may help you to come out from this hypothetical situation. With the help of elder's blessings around late evening, you may come out from this messy situation.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may expect some short business trip. You may also expect to get some rewards for success in your domain. Your respect around you may be increased. You may hear some good news from siblings. Job-seekers who are seeking management job may get success. Singles are likely to get engaged.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is a good day; you will be blessed by Jupiter; your wisdom may help you to come out from a difficult situation. You may also help the needy; you may also give your opinion to your family or friends which may increase your prestige among them. You may have some differences of opinions with your spouse which may affect your domestic life.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be a victim of mood swings. You may feel dull; your health is not okay. It will affect your day-to-day routine. You are advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. Today, you may also spend on worthless things which may affect your financial health.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may plan for a change in place, it is advised to postpone the decision. It is also advised to avoid investment in business. By late evening, situation may be under control. With the help of good advice from one of the elders, you may control the messy situation.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be happy. You may spread happiness around you. You may feel harmony in the domestic life; you may enjoy some romantic moments with the spouse. Your family may support you take some important decisions on the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in business or work.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, a positive moon may make you happy. You may use your patience at every stage. Your performance may be good at work; you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues of family members will be resolved now. Job-seeker are likely to get a suitable job in their domain. Love-birds may enjoy dating.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may have mixed situations around you. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you; it may disappoint you. Today you may go through self-exploration and self-analysis which may allow filtering yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be able to prepare to accept challenges.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may have detachment towards responsibilities you have been given. You may also spend more in purchasing worthless stuff, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be victim of a conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, blessings from elders may make you happy; your investments may give you profits. Losses will be converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in kid's future also. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose may be resolved now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you will be blessed by elders. Your patience may improve; your focus towards your work may be very good. Parent's health will improve. You are likely to spend your time with elders. You may also meet some influential person, who may help you on the professional front. You may also enjoy your romantic moments which may increase harmony in domestic life.

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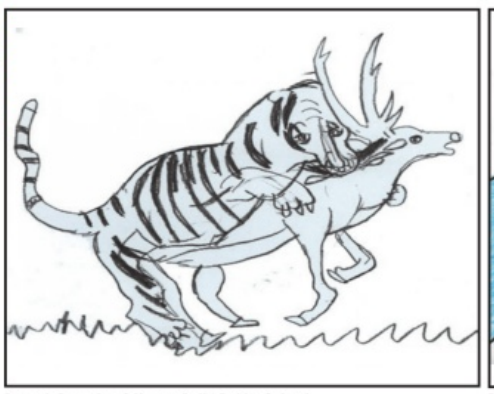

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SOLUTIONS

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(6-2(4))(4+2(4))(3÷2(4))
(6-8)(4+8)(12÷2)
-2(12)(6)
-24(6) = -144

RIDDLER
Port Vale, all others
London Clubs

QUOTE UNCODE
The mind has its own logic but does not often let others in on it.

FAST FIVE

G	A	W	P	S
E	B	O	O	K
B	A	T	T	S
E	R	O	S	E
R	A	K	E	D

BULL'S EYE
frump, peer, PERFUME, perm, pure, puree, rump, rupee

STRIKE OUT

G	O	D	S	P	A	H	G	A	E	L				
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MENSA PUZZLE
X is 4; Y is 11. Two alternate series
Starting with the first number: 7 6 5 4 3
Starting with the second number: 8 9 10 11 12

SUDOKU

7	5	8	1	6	9	2	3	4
9	2	3	4	8	5	1	7	6
6	4	1	2	3	7	9	5	8
1	9	6	8	2	3	7	4	5
3	7	4	9	5	1	6	8	2
2	8	5	6	7	4	3	9	1
5	3	2	7	4	6	8	1	9
8	1	7	5	9	2	4	6	3
4	6	9	3	1	8	5	2	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, PA, SPa, Apes, Pales, Asleep, Elapses.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 3 + 8 − 3 = 14
Medium
7 + 5 − 6 x 2 = 12
Hard
5 x 6 + 9 − 6 = 33

LOOP

KAKURO

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Jacky takes back plea for travel permission

Jacqueline Fernandez has reportedly withdrawn her application seeking permission to travel abroad. The actor had applied for permission to travel to Abu Dhabi for an award function

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Cannes it get any better

Check out Day 1 looks of Indian stars

The prestigious Cannes Film Festival is here and Bollywood celebrities are sashaying on the red carpet with their awe-worthy looks. From Deepika Padukone rocking a saree to Urvashi Rautela debuting in a glamorous gown and Bollywood men looking dapper in suits, Cannes is turning out to be one starry gala. Here's a round-up of all the Day 1 looks from Cannes 2022

Deepika Padukone

As a jury member, Deepika Padukone walked the red carpet at the opening ceremony of the 75th Cannes Film Festival. Aptly representing India, the diva opted for a glamorous black and gold saree. Her shimmery ensemble was further elevated with shoulder grazing earrings and a statement matha-patti. Not to forget, her dramatic eye make-up.

Tamannaah Bhatia

For Cannes 2022, Tamannaah Bhatia decked up in a glamorous black and white ensemble. For her first red carpet look at the festival, the actress gave her look a retro twist with her hairdo. She ditched the necklace and opted for glittering statement earrings. A perfect addition to her look was a dramatic white trail.

Urvashi Rautela

Urvashi Rautela made her debut at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival this year and for her day one look, the actress glided in a cloud of white tiers. She walked the red carpet in a one-shoulder, tulle gown by Tony Ward. Urvashi completed her OOTD with a neat bun and a statement-making crimson lipstick.

Nawazuddin Siddiqui, AR Rahman, R Madhavan and Pooja Hegde

The opening ceremony of the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival witnessed Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur leading the Indian delegation on the red carpet. He was accompanied by R Madhavan, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, AR Rahman, Prasoon Joshi, Shekhar Kapur and several others. Apart from this Pooja Hegde, and singer Mame Khan also made head turns with their song and dance at the India pavillion. —ETimes

Comfortably, alone

Malaika Arora in an interview with Grazia opened up on her personal growth in the last two years. She shared, "I am comfortable being alone without any trappings. Like many others, I am used to the frills of a good life, but I have learned they are unnecessary in the larger scheme of things. Time spent with oneself is crucial for self-development and self-growth, and I value my time more than ever before".

On dealing with pandemic, she added, "The pandemic also solidified my understanding of how essential it is to reach out to people. We sometimes get consumed in our own lives and pursuits and take people for granted, but connections matter and require effort to nurture and cultivate. If it's important to you, you must give it your time and attention." ETimes

Sign on, Sam

Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who recently appeared in Tamil multi-starrer 'Kaathuvaakula Rendu Kaadhal', is apparently on a signing spree.

The 'Majili' actress is said to have signed another biggie, which she intends to make official soon.

Samantha has reportedly signed a film that will be directed by a young filmmaker, while her upcoming mythological love saga 'Shakunthalam' will launch her in the pan-India space.

For the time being, the producers have kept the details of the yet-to-be-launched film under wraps.

Samantha has also signed a web series deal with Prime Video. Samantha will play an unusual role in 'Yashoda'. IANS